

HOUSE RESOLUTION 449  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the first class of the  
Franklin High School International  
Baccalaureate Diploma Programme.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, the Senior students at Franklin High School who have completed the requirements of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme are one such group of exceptional students; and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2000, Franklin High School became the first Tennessee High School to gain acceptance as an affiliate of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, governed by the International Baccalaureate Organization that is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland; and

WHEREAS, the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme is a demanding pre-university course of studies, leading to examinations, designed for highly motivated secondary school students; and

WHEREAS, the students in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme participate in a rigorous curriculum with high standards and expectations; learn to think analytically, as well as master data and procedure-based curriculum; receive the opportunity to earn advanced college placement and credit; study subject areas from an international perspective; and receive the opportunity to learn to their maximum potential; and

WHEREAS, the students in the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme complete the required coursework in six subject areas, a four-thousand word essay, the Theory of Knowledge course, and one hundred and fifty hours of community action activities; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Joseph Bell, Thomas Broderick, Wajih Choudhury, Jeremy Haber, Anne Koupal, Scott Kriebel, Jessica Martin, Matt Scalf, Brittany Schriver, and Patrick Walsh have achieved outstanding academic success and become the first students in Williamson County to complete all of the requirements of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme; and

WHEREAS, these Senior students have demonstrated great attitude and work ethic, and their intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bode well for their future success; and

WHEREAS, their dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend and honor Joseph Bell, Thomas Broderick, Wajih Choudhury, Jeremy Haber, Anne Koupal, Scott Kriebel, Jessica Martin, Matt Scalf, Brittany Schriver, and Patrick Walsh of Franklin High School upon completing the requirements of the International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme, and extend to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.